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25X1 MEMORANDUM FOR:

SA/IA/DCI

25X1 FROM:

Chairman

SUBJECT: Item for Breakfast Meeting with Secretary of Defense

1. This suggests an item for the DCI to raise at his next breakfast meeting with the Secretary of Defense.

2. The Security Committee has followed with interest efforts of the Department of Defense to strengthen personnel security, especially expanded use of the polygraph for persons with particularly sensitive access. Messrs. Casey and Weinberger exchanged correspondence in 1982 regarding the polygraphing of Defense personnel assigned to [redacted] (copies attached). In his 21 June 1982 letter on this subject, Mr. Weinberger noted that DoD was examining "on a priority basis" overall policy on use of the polygraph for personnel security purposes. In December 1982, Gen. Stilwell testified on the Hill about the proposed new Defense polygraph policy, which has generated considerable controversy. There are indications that some senior Defense officials oppose the planned expansion of polygraph use in DoD. Mr. Weinberger may be in doubt on the political wisdom of such expansion versus the security benefits.

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3. It is in the DCI's interest to encourage Defense to improve personnel security procedures to provide better protection for sensitive intelligence, sources and methods. It is recommended that the DCI inquire of the Secretary of Defense at their next breakfast meeting how the revision of Defense polygraph policy is proceeding. He may wish to use their mid-1982 correspondence as an opening gambit, and encourage Mr. Weinberger to be firm in his plans to broaden use of this well-tested means of enhancing security.

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